

National Weather Service



MEDIA ADVISORY

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NOAA Weather Radio Expansion News **New NOAA Weather Radio Station in Western Iowa**

A new 1000 watt NOAA Weather Radio Station KZZ-52 is now serving parts of western Iowa. The new transmitter...which is located in northeast Pottawattamie county near Hancock Iowa...began transmitting Tuesday evening...June 18...on a frequency of 162.525 megahertz.

The preliminary broadcast service area...responsible office and specific area message encoding /same/ codes are...

COUNTY	SAME CODE	NWS OFFICE
Adams Ia	019003	NWS Des Moines County Warning Area
Audubon Ia	019009	NWS Des Moines County Warning Area
Cass Ia	019029	NWS Des Moines County Warning Area
Harrison Ia	019085	NWS Omaha County Warning Area
Mills Ia	019129	NWS Omaha County Warning Area
Montgomery Ia	019137	NWS Omaha County Warning Area
Pottawattamie Ia	019155	NWS Omaha County Warning Area
Shelby Ia	019165	NWS Omaha County Warning Area

A field signal survey will determine the final broadcast service area which will be announced at a later date. KZZ-52 will be operated in an experimental mode for a time while the transmitters and related equipment are adjusted. During this time KZZ-52 is broadcasting the same programming as KHZ-50 in Essex Iowa. Both stations are programmed by the National Weather Service in Omaha/Valley Nebraska. This new NOAA Weather Radio Station is a cooperative effort between the Iowa Emergency Management Division...Iowa Public Television...Pottawattamie county Emergency Management... and the National Weather Service.

NOAA Weather Radio is an ALL-HAZARD WARNING SYSTEM. It provides the quickest way to receive National Weather Service emergency messages and civil emergency messages.

Maps of all NOAA weather radio service areas, along with fips codes and frequencies, are on the Des Moines National Weather Service web site at www.crh.noaa.gov/dmx. Or the Omaha National Weather Service web site at www.crh.noaa.gov/oax.

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